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Date: 5/12/70

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR  
FROM CINCINNATI (175-NEW)

UNSUBS; THREAT AGAINST THE LIVES OF; PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON,  
VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO AGNEW, SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY, GOVERNOR  
JAMES A. RHODES. THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

[REDACTED] REPUBLICAN STATE  
CENTRAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, FIFTY WEST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS,  
OHIO ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE REPUBLICAN STATE HEADQUARTERS HAD  
RECEIVED A LETTER ON MAY SEVEN LAST WHICH STATED THE FOLLOWING:

"THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED THOSE FOUR STUDENTS AND THE BOYS IN THE  
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MY FRIENDS AND I ARE GOING TO PAY YOU BACK FOR THOSE LIVES. FOR  
STUDENTS DIED SO FOUR OF YOUR WILL DIE. IN ORDER:

"GOVERNOR JAMES A. RHODES; VP SPIRO AGNEW; PRES. RICHARD M.  
NIXON; SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY. I WON'T KILL WITHOUT GIVING YOU  
A FINAL WARNING. (SIGNED) YOUR PEOPLE. THIS IS THE ORDER I WANT

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① - CINCINNATI JJB/jns  
Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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YOU TO DIE BUT YOU MAY BE KILLED IN ANY ORDER I CHOSE."

ORIGINAL LETTER AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT DATA GIVEN TO SA

[REDACTED] U.S. SECRET SERVICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO AT ONE PM  
TODAY. [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, OHIO STATE HIGHWAY  
PATROL, NOTIFIED OF CONTENTS OF LETTER AT TEN AM TODAY. ~~Two COPIES~~

~~OF LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU WITH FOLLOW UP LETTER~~  
*Administrative: Re Citecall Today.*

LHM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION WILL BE FORWARDED PROMPTLY  
TO BUREAU HEADQUARTERS, *Along with Two Copies of Letter.*

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: U. S. SECRET SERVICE (PID) 008

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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IF ANY INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED INDICATING A POSSIBLE  
VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE SEVEN FIVE ONE, U.S.  
CODE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE FBI IMMEDIATELY.

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Date **5-13-70**

RE: **UNSUBS; Threat Against the Lives of;  
President Richard M. Nixon, Vice-  
President Spiro Agnew, Senator Edward M.  
Kennedy, Governor James A. Rhodes  
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  
☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.  
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_  
dated \_\_\_\_\_.

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The people who killed these four students and  
the boys in the war are going to pay.  
In the bible it says an eye for an eye.  
My friends are going to pay you  
back for those lives. For students died  
so four of you will die. In order:

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W. P. Spiro Agnew

Pres. Richard M. Nixon

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy

I won't kill without giving you a final  
warning.

Your People

This is the order that I want you to die but  
you may be killed in any order I choose.



[redacted] Intelligence Unit,  
Ohio State Highway Patrol, Columbus, Ohio, was advised  
of the contents of this letter at 10:00 AM, May 12, 1970.

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Special Agent [redacted] United States  
Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio, was notified of the  
above information at 10:15 AM, May 12, 1970.

At 1:00 PM, May 12, 1970, the original  
copy of the letter was given to Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] United States Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio,  
for use in his investigation.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (175-22) (1)  
SUBJECT: UNSUBS;

Threat Against The Lives Of:  
President RICHARD M. NIXON,  
Vice President SPIRO AGNEW,  
Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY,  
Governor JAMES A. RHODES.  
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

DO NOT DESTROY  
PENDING LITIGATION

Re Cincinnati teletype, 5/12/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four  
copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Also  
enclosed are two copies of the threatening letter  
mentioned in LHM.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated  
locally to U. S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio, and to  
the Intelligence Division, Ohio State Highway Patrol  
in Columbus, Ohio.

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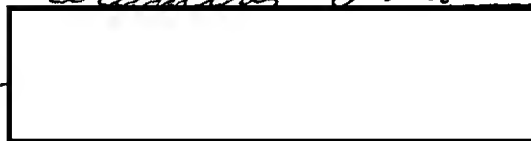
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File No. 175-NewDate Received 5-12-70From Rep. State Headquarters  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)50 W. Broad St  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Columbus Ohio

By

To Be Returned ☐ Yes  
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes  
☒ No

Description:

2 copies of threatening letter2 sent to BW 5/13/70  
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45201  
May 13, 1970

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Threat Against The Lives Of:  
President RICHARD M. NIXON;  
Vice President SPIRO AGNEW;  
Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY;  
Governor JAMES A. RHODES

At 9:30 AM, May 12, 1970, [redacted]  
[redacted] Republican State Central and  
Executive Committee, 50 West Broad Street, Columbus,  
Ohio, furnished the Columbus, Ohio Resident Agency  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a letter  
received by the Republican State Headquarters on  
May 7, 1970. This letter reads as follows:

"The people who killed those four students  
and the boys in the war are going to pay. In the  
Bible it says 'an eye for an eye'. My friends and  
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"Your people"

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